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SUBJ: US/EEC/ARABS

1. KRISTELIGT DAGBLAD (INDEPENDANT) COMMENTS EDITORIALY
QUOTE EEC OFFER TO ARABS OF CONFERENCE...HAS CAUSED IRRITATION IN
U.S....IT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT CRISIS OF CREDIBILITY EXISTS
BETWEEN EUROPE AND U.S. IT WAS EVIDENT WHEN KISSINGER PRESENTED HIS
ATLANTIC PLAN LAST SPRING AND AGAIN IN OCTOBER WHEN U.S; WITHOUT
INFORMING HER ALLIES, ALERTED HER TROOPS TO COUNTER
ALLEGED SOVIET DECISION TO INTERVENE IN MIDDLE EAST WAS. OIL
CRISIS HAS SINCE REVEALED GHASTLY PORTION OF POLITICAL SELFISHNESS
WHICH HAS NOT ONLY CREATED INTERNAL EUROPEAN DISTRUST, BUT ALSO
IMPRESSION THAT U.S. IS USING MEDIATION IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIF FOR
OWN ADVANTAGE. IN SUCH SITUATION IT ISNATURAL IF EUROPEANS IN
EEC BEGIN WONDERING WHETHER IT WILL SERVE EUROPEANS BEST TO FIND
COMMON EUROPEAN ATTITUDE OR ENTER DIVIDED INTO TRANSATLANTIC
COOPERATION.

2. U.S. IRRITATION OVER EUROPE'S INDEPENDENT ACTION IS HARDLY TO
BE CONSIDERED MORE THAN EXPRESSION OF FACT THAT U.S. UNEASINESS OVER
EUROPEAN INDEPENDENCE IS AS BIG AS EUROPEAN UNEASINESS OVER
ARBITRAY U.S. DISPOSITIONS. IT WILL PROBABLY NOT HURT POSSIBILITIES
OF GLOBAL COOPERATION, ON CONTRARY TEACH DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND
GROUPS TO ENTER INTO COOPERATION WITH RESPECT FOR COUNTERPART'S
RIGHT TO SOLVE OWN PROBLEMS UNQUOTE.

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3. AKTUELT (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) QUOTE U.S. RESENTMENT BECAUSE WEST EUROPEANS, DESPITE ALL ATTEMPTS AT PRESSURE, WILL OPEN DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH ARABS IS AS INAPPROPRIATE AS IT IS REVEALING. INAPPROPRIATE, BECAUSE EEC IS IN NO WAY OBLIGED TO SUBMIT TO U.S. IN ENERGY AFFAIRS, BUT ONLY TO COOPERATION ABOUT CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. REFEALING, IN EXTENT TO WHICH U.S. CONSIDERS INDEPENDENT INITIATIVES FROM WEST EUROPE AS VIOLATION OF ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY. ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP AFGER ALL CONSISTS OF SOMETHING OTHER, AND MORE, THAN U.S.; AND IT WILL, TO INCREASING EXTENT, HAVE DISTURBING EFFECT ON INTERNAL CALM IN ALLIANCE IF WASHINGTON WILL PREVENT ITS EUROPEAN COMPONENT FROM FREEDOM OF ACTION WHICH IS MATTER OF COURSE FOR U.S. OW FOREIGN POLICY.

4. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT WATERGATE-RIDDEN WASHINGTON IS JITTERY. BUT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE- AND DAMAGING- THAT KISSINGER CANNOT SHOW SAME FINESSE IN HIS DEALING WITH EF AS HE HAS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND NATIONAL GROUPS UNQUOTE
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